

Board of Selectman Regular Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2019 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

- 1- **Call to Order:** First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:39pm
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Katia Colaprico
- 3- **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Board of Education member Jacqueline Blechinger effective January 25th:** Selectman Grozinger moved to Accept the resignation of Board of Education member Jacqueline Blechinger effective January 25th 2019. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4- **Discussion/decision to appoint Melissa Walker to the Board of Education to fill the term vacated by Jacqueline Blechinger for a term to begin January 25th and end November 5, 2019:** First Selectman Spaulding said Ms. Walker has an impressive resume with extensive volunteer experience. Selectman Nestor asked Ms. Walker, after attending meetings, what would you want to bring to the board? Ms. Walker replied she would bring critical thought and deep analysis and address the issue of declining enrollment and come up with innovative solutions to maintain excellence. Selectman Grozinger thanked Ms. Walker for stepping up. Selectman Nestor moved to appoint Melissa Walker to the Board of Education to fill the term vacated by Jacqueline Blechinger for a term to begin January 25, 2019 and end November 5, 2019. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Allison Lisbon from the Commission on Aging and the Youth Commission effective January 8, 2019:** First Selectman Spaulding explained that it was necessary for Ms. Lisbon to resign from these boards since she is now our Social Services Director. Selectman Grozinger moved to accept the resignation of Allison Lisbon from the Commission on Aging and the Youth

Commission effective January 8, 2019. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6- **Discussion/decision to appoint Fran Goldstein to the Commission on Aging to fill the vacancy left by Allison Lisbon for a term to end December 31, 2019:** First Selectman Spaulding stated that Ms. Goldstein has spent many many years giving back to Weston. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Fran Goldstein to the Commission on Aging to fill the vacancy left by Allison Lisbon for a term to end December 31, 2019. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- 7- **Discussion/decision to appoint Michele Tivey to the Commission for Children and Youth:** Michele Tivey joined by phone. First Selectman Spaulding stated that Ms. Tivey has been very involved with Board of Education and in Town in general and has already attended Children and Youth Commission meetings. Mr. Spaulding' spoke about the public Facebook page that Ms. Tivey helps administrate and how she will now need to be cognizant of being an officer in the town. Ms. Tivey said she only uses that site to now share public information rather than posting opinions. Selectman Nestor and Selectman Grozinger both said they are grateful for Ms. Tivey stepping up and feels she is a strong advocate for the Town. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Michele Tivey to the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to end December 31, 2021. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8- **Discussion/decision to appoint Gavin Guerra to the Marketing and Communications Advisory Committee:** Mr. Luiz stated that Mr. Guerra was already interviewed at a previous Board of Selectman Meeting. First Selectman Spaulding stated Mr. Guerra is a first class videographer and communicator and Selectman Nestor stated Mr. Guerra fills a hole in the committee. Selectman Nestor moved to appoint Gavin Guerra to the Marketing and Communications Advisory Committee for a term to end December 31, 2019. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9- **Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to accept a \$6,000 grant from the State of Connecticut 2019 JAG Local VCP Grant Program:** Sergeant Joe Miceli. First Selectman Spaulding thanked Sergeant Miceli who said the funds will be used towards equipment needed for investigating domestic crime. Selectman Grozinger moved to authorize the First Selectman to accept a \$6,000 grant from the State of Connecticut 2019 JAG Local VCP Grant Program. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 10- Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Community Connectivity Grant Program commitment to fund letter and associated documents.**
First Selectman Spaulding explained how this grant will help create an infrastructure around the schools. He also said that WestCOG voted to authorize the 2nd sidewalk grant so we can expand the sidewalk plans, also adding turn lanes going into School Road off of Rt. 57. Selectman Nestor moved to authorize First Selectman Spaulding to sign the Community Connectivity Grant Program commitment to fund letter and associated documents. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11- Discussion about a grievance filed by the Weston Highways Employees Union Local 1303-041:** Representatives from the Union presented their claim to the Board of Selectmen. First Selectman Spaulding said that the Board would deliberate the matter and get back to the Union with a response. No motion
- 12- Approval of BOS Minutes dated January 3, 2019:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the January 3, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting, as presented. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13- Property Tax Refunds:** Selectman Nestor moved to approve property tax refunds totaling \$15,221.50, as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14- Mr. Luiz asked to add an agenda item entitled “Discussion/decision to publish the Fracking Ordinance in summary format”.** Selectman Grozinger moved to add the agenda item. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15- Discussion/decision to publish the Fracking Ordinance in summary format.**
Selectman Grozinger moved to publish the Fracking Ordinance in summary format. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 16- Executive Session: deliberation about a grievance filed by the Weston Highways Employees Union Local 1303-041:** At 8:13pm, Selectman Grozinger moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss a grievance filed by the Weston Highways Employees Union Local 1303-041. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz was invited to the executive session.

Executive Session adjourned at: 9:00pm

- 17- Adjournment:** Selectman Nestor moved to adjourn at 9:02pm. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by: Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved: February 7, 2019